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Re: Comm. v. Diniz Depina, Suffolk Superior Court No. 2006-10536
Our File: 10-4-10

Dear Ms. Barrett:

On Monday, August 9, I visited the State Laboratory Institute, Jamaica Plain, MA for the purpose of examining and weighing the drugs in the above matter. The evidence was presented to me by Ms. Annie Dookhan, the assistant analyst who performed the original weighings. Ms. Dookhan presented the evidence to me in heat-sealed plastic bags and also resealed the evidence after my examination.

The evidence was presented to me in heat-sealed plastic bags, labeled with laboratory numbers, [redacted] The corresponding laboratory certification forms were labeled with these same numbers. All samples were weighed by two methods utilizing a precalibrated Acculab VI-3 mg balance. The first method was by difference. The bag containing the substance was weighed. The substance was removed and the empty bag weighed. The difference between the weight of the bag containing the substance and the weight of the empty bag was assumed to be the weight of the substance. The second method was a direct weighing in which the substance was added to a tared plastic weighing dish and the weight of the substance read directly. All weights are reported in grams.

Laboratory Number [redacted] This large heat-sealed bag contained a smaller heat-sealed bag. The material within the inner bag consisted of tan chunks and granules, some chunks having holes in them The "total" weights are truncated (rounded down) to two digits to the right of the decimal point to comply with the convention of the Drug Lab in this and subsequent tables.

Bag Number	Wt. Difference	Wt. Direct	Drug Lab

1	11.867	11.853	N.A.
TOTAL	11.86	11.85	**13.25** (*)

Table 1
Weight of Material in Laboratory Number [redacted]

(*) Only "Total" is reported. The individual Drug Lab weights regarding material in this bag (weight of bag + contents – weight of bag) were not available to me, but probably are in the analyst's notes.

Laboratory Number [redacted]

This sample contained 7 heat-sealed bags within an outer heat-sealed plastic bag. The material within the bags was tan and granular. The results of these weighing are given below.

Bag Number	Weight (Difference)	Weight (Direct)	Drug Lab Weight
1	0.104	0.099	0.1142
2	0.128	0,125	0.1480
3	0.127	0.127	0.1480
4	0.082	0.080	0.0911
5	0.144	0.143	0.1603
6	0.178	0.179	0.1865
7	0,141	0.139	0.1495
TOTAL	0.904 **[0.90]**	0.892 **[0.89]**	**0.9976 (0.99)**

Table 2
Weight of Material in Laboratory Number [redacted]
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Table 3 summarizes the total weight of material in all the exhibits presented to me.

Laboratory Number	Weight (Difference)	Weight (Direct)	Drug Lab Weight
[redacted]	11.86	11.85	13.25
	0.90	0.89	0.99
TOTAL	**12.76 (12.7)**	**12.74 (12.7)**	**14.24 (14.2)**

Table
Combined Weight of All Material Weighted

Conclusion

The total weight of the tan material in the bags contained within Laboratory Numbers [redacted] was **12.7 grams** (truncated to tenths of a gram.

Please call if you have any question.

Very truly yours,

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